Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 02 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 01 Dec 2023 at 16:07 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High cold conditions to persist into the start of next week. Low confidence for extent of low cloud over the weekend and early next week. Low for timing of milder, more stormy conditions on Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 02 Dec 2023: Cold. Low cloud and a few snow flurries in the south. Dry and brighter in the north.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 02 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	30%	20%	20%	20%	10%	<05%

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Weather: Mostly cloudy, some patchy light snow across Argyll, the Trossachs and Arran, rain at sea level near the coast, in the early hours and morning, but likely dry across Lochaber. Most ranges dry in the afternoon and evening. Best chance of sunshine across northern Lochaber particularly around the Nevis range and grey corries.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% across northern Lochaber. 40% further south.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good visibility across northern Lochaber with hills likely to be free of cloud. Often poor visibility further south in low cloud and snow flurries, with cloud bases around 500m, but tops above 900-1000m likely to be above the cloud, especially in the afternoon and evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	7/8 SE	6/7 SE	5/6 E	4/5 SE	4/5 SE	4/5 SE	4/6 SE	5/6 SE	5/6 SE
900	5/7 S	5/7 S	4/6 S	4/6 S	5/7 S	4/5 SE	3/4 E	4/6 SE	4/5 SE
600	4/5 NE	5/6 E	4/5 NE	4/5 E	4/6 E	4/5 E	3/4 E	3/4 NE	3/5 NE
300	3/4 NE	3/4 NE	3/4 NE	3/4 NE	3/4 NE	3/4 NE	2/3 E	2/4 E	3/4 NE
Glen	2/3 N	1/3 N	2/4 N	1/4 NE	2/3 NW	1/4 N	1/3 NE	2/4 N	2/4 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-11	-7/-11	-6/-10	-6/-10	-6/-9	-6/-9	-7/-10	-7/-10	-7/-10
900	-4/-8	-5/-8	-5/-8	-5/-8	-4/-7	-4/-7	-5/-7	-5/-8	-5/-8
600	-2/-4	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-4	-2/-4	-2/-4	-2/-5	-3/-5
300	-0/-2	-1/-2	-1/-3	-1/-3	-0/-2	-0/-2	-1/-2	-1/-2	-1/-3
Glen	-2/-4	-1/-3	-2/-4	-2/-4	1/-1	-1/-2	-2/-3	-2/-4	-2/-3
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Even light winds will give a bitterly cold feel. Best conditions towards the Nevis range, but a chance of a cloud inversion on the higher summits of Argyll and the Trossachs in the afternoon. Note, freezing level nearer 500-600m across Arran.

Forecast for Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Weather: Dry and cold. Generally bright with good sunny spells, best of these across Lochaber. Some low cloud or fog likely across Argyll and the Trossachs, but likely to rise and dissipate in the afternoon. Largely clear skies overnight.

Maximum wind: East, 5-10 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in the north, 60% in the south.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally very good visibility across the tops. Lochaber hills likely to be cloud free. Some low cloud may affect the lower slopes across Arran, Argyll and the Trossachs, but tops above 700m likely to be above the cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to zero Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 2 or 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Down to the glens, rising to 300m in the afternoon, but 400-500m over Arran.

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